tending 118 feet back to the west, and then, in the form of an L, another 118 feet northerly to Clay street. It contained the first of the year $200,000 worth of dry goods, which had been reduced by sales, partially replaced, so that yesterday the firm estimated their stock at $150,000. The damage was also estimated by them at $25,000 on stock and $3,000 on the building. The damage to the stock was more from smoke than from the actual destruction by fire. The goods injured were almost entirely ladies' dress goods. The damage to the building was mostly to the interior woodwork and frescoing. The origin of the fire is somewhat of a mystery, but the most plausible theory attributes it to rats among matches. A member of the firm was in the store yesterday morning and opened the mail there. No fire had been on the premises for weeks. The firm is fully insured in city and out-of-town companies and in Europe. The firm, with the ancestors of the present members, five sons of Charles Simon, has occupied the premises where the fire occurred since 1816, the buildings having been remodeled and rebuilt at times, and this was their first fire.

Impressive Funeral of a Youug Lady

[Reported for the Baltimore Sun.]

A very touching funeral took place yesterday afternoon from Fayette street M. E. Church. It was that of Miss Grace V. Gainor, a member of the graduating class of the Western Female High School. Miss Gainor was only 17 years old. She finished her examination on Tuesday last, and passing with remarkable success hurried home on West Lombard street to acquaint her widowed mother of the fact. Entering the door she said, "Now I shall rest." The next morning she was taken ill and rapidly grew worse. Rev. Dr. J. J. G. Webster, of Fayette Street Church, her pastor, was sent for on Friday morning and barely had time to pray with her. He asked her if she was trusting in Jesus, and Grace responded, "I am." She was then lifted up in bed to catch her breath and died before her head touched the pillow again. The funeral was attended by an immense concourse of young people. The members of the graduating class occupied seats in the centre aisle. At the head sat Prof. A. S. Kerr, principal of the Western Female High School. By his side sat Mr. John P. Poe, of the school board. The burial robe of the young lady was the beautiful white dress she was to have worn on commencement day. The casket was completely covered with flowers. The graduating class sent a magnificent broken column of white roses. The pall-bearers were: Henry Kroeger, W. T. Lechlider, Wm. Kroeger, A. G. Cromwell, S. C. Gainor and Frank P. Gainor. The interment was at Baltimore Cemetery. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Webster, who paid a touching tribute to the memory of the lady, both as a school girl and as a Christian. Dr. Webster read two sentences of Miss Gainor's. One was the last sentence of a composition entitled "Turning Over a New Leaf:" "But better than all is, when any one who has been indifferent to a Saviour's call accepts Him as a redeemer, and endeavors to follow in His footsteps." The other was the last sentence of Miss Gainor's last composition, entitled "The Last Days of School." It read: "May all of us who have been together these years meet again in a holier world than this." Miss Gainor was a niece of Mr. John W. Davis, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Her mother is a teacher in the public schools.

Proceedings of the Courts.

CITY COURT—*Judge Stewart.*—Riter & Conley vs. Whiteley & Gaither, motion to strike out the judgment entered under the act of 1886; argued and held sub curia. Schulbe and Berkes, trustees, vs. The Savings Bank of Baltimore, motion to strike out judgment entered under the act of 1886; argued and held sub curia. Assignment for today: Pending case of Thomas Hamlin vs. Moses Hecht and Nos. 144, 145, 146, 149, 157, 158, 160, appeal cases, and Nos. 157 and 192, trial docket.

ORPHANS' COURT—*Judges Lindsay, Carroll and Gans.*—Letters testamentary on the estate of Lewis Mayer were granted to Mary V. Mayer; letters of administration on the estate of Isabella McComas to William Larkin; Robert H. Darraugh and Ann J. Darraugh to Edwin J. Griffin; Grace E. Morris to Rebecca M. Morris; Benjamin Thomas to Emma W. Thomas. In the estates of Patrick McMahon and Mary Ann Sewell, administration accounts were passed; Benjamin Thomas, inventory filed.

CRIMINAL COURT—*Judge Duffy.*—Bastardy—James Smith, colored; demurrer to declaration, argued by E. J. Waring and Edgar H. Gans for the State before the full Supreme Bench; decision reserved. Attempt to poison—James W. Parker, colored, before reported; jury discharged being unable to agree. Robbery—Robert Hines and Fred. Coleman; nolle pros. Assault to kill—Frank Bennett and James Mealy; nolle pros. The court will not be in session today.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Judge Fisher.*—Assignment for today: Francis P. Stevens and Francis W. Jones vs. the Bankers and Merchants' Telegraph Company; petition to quash a writ of fieri facias and to reopen an order of November 9, 1885, allowing the claims of Francis P. Stevens for $2,666 66 and of Wm. A. Dunn for $10,650, upon which the fieri facias was issued.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—*Judge Morris.*—John Comstock, Daniel C. Chopman, Wm. Graham and others, of New York, vs. the schooner Frank Harrington, libel for $16,000 for collision and sinking of the pilot boat Mary A. Fish in May, 1885, off Barnegat, N. J.; not concluded.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—*Judge Phelps.*—Edward S. Brady and Theophilus Cooke vs. Luther E. Hooper and Timothy Hooper, before reported: verdict for plaintiffs for $327 03. Assignment for today: Nos. 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 58, 20, 3895, 3902, 3903, 19, 31.

SUPERIOR COURT—*Judge Brown.*—Assignment for today: Pending case of David Co[illegible]n and T. Bolton Jones vs. Cornelius J. [illegible]n and John B. McDonald, and Nos. 111, 14, [illegible]93, 94, 138, 96, 36, 38, 83, 61.

The Cardinalate.—Archbishop Gibbons was at [illegible]ckville, Md., on Sunday. H[illegible] Montgomery county, [illegible]—more this afternoon. The[illegible] will return to Balti[illegible] his nomination to the consistory a[illegible] confirmed will be sent at Rome. [illegible] be 12 St. Anor Allen, rector of St. Pa[illegible]ay, Monsignor [illegible]ew Orleans, is visiting the a[illegible] Church, N[illegible] residence, Baltimore. A great [illegible]piscopal reception is being manifested [illegible] of enthusiasm of the city over the [illegible] different parishes of the city over the [illegible] differe[illegible] raise $25,000 as a fund for the ne[illegible]ement to meet the expenses incidental to [illegible]dinal to [illegible]tion. An impromptu meeting [illegible] elevated gentlemen belonging to St. Vincent [illegible] was held in the basement of the church [illegible] terday to raise their quota of $500. F[illegible] Didier presided. Addresses were made [illegible] Rev. Father Didier, Rev. Jos. A. Gallen, [illegible] S. Buckless, Dr. John I. Gross and Mr. May[illegible] A large amount was contributed and a committee appointed to raise the balance and report next Thursday night. Similar meetings were held at St. Peter's, St. Joseph's, St. Mary Star of the Sea and other churches. At St. Martin's Church Father Foley stated that $1,000 would be raised.

"Chief Justice" Marshall.—The venerable colored hotel porter, John Marshall, is dead. He will be remembered as the short, thick-set colored man who wore a tin plate on the front of his tall hat, bearing the words: "Chief Justice John Marshall, of Virginia, porter for all the hotels, railroads and steamboats." He was a familiar figure at Camden depot and at some of the hotels, especially the Howard House. He was not known to sleep in a bed, generally taking his rest sitting in an arm-chair. He left a wife, at whose house in Washington he died last week, six grown sons and one daughter. He was, in early life, a house servant of Gen. Boyd, of Virginia. He was a servant of the Marshall House, in Alexandria, Va., when Ellsworth was killed by Jackson, the proprietor, and he got his sobriquet of "Chief Justice" from this connection.

Presentations.—Mr. Charles L. Wilson, of Frederick county, ex-deputy surveyor of the port of Baltimore, was on Saturday presented with a gold-headed cane by the inspectors, clerks and other customs employes, [illegible] with the surveyor's department. The presentation was made at the cu[illegible] by Mr. John W. Kaufman, [illegible] handed Mr. Wilson a paper, [illegible] employes, setting forth [illegible] terms their appreciation of [illegible] uniform kindness.

Mr. James B. Hodgson, who [illegible] resigned his foremanship of shop No. [illegible] Mt. Clare, has been presented by his fellow-workmen with a handsome easy chair. Mr. Hodgson had been employed at Mt. Clare for forty years, over twenty of which he had been foreman of shop No. 9.

Arrests for Assault.—Frederick Knipp, Thomas Newton and Arthur McNeal had a hearing before Justice Rhodes yesterday, charged with assaulting Wm. H. Ringgold, colored. The latter testified that his wife was standing at the corner of Saratoga and Carlton streets, when Newton and McNeal in passing made an unpleasant remark to her. He resented it, and McNeal struck him with a brick. Officers Abell and Creamer arrested the men, and on their way to the southwestern station Joseph Snowden met the party and stated that he was then looking for an officer to arrest McNeal, who had assaulted him earlier in the evening. Newton and McNeal were committed for court and Knipp was dismissed.

Charles Street Car Tracks.—The mayor received a petition on Saturday against the ordinance permitting the People's Railway Company to lay tracks on South Charles street, between Conway and German, signed by R. J. Baker & Co., Enoch Pratt & Bro., William Fuller, Baker Bros. & Co., Matthews & Kirkland, Fowler, Moore & Co., Speer & Gittings, William H. Cole, Henry S. Taylor, John A. Dushane & Co., Wm. W. Taylor, and others.

Injunction.—Messrs. Owen A. Gill, Martin Gillet Gill, Claude Loraine Gill and Ernest Gill, trading as Martin Gillet & Co., filed a bill in the Circuit Court on Saturday against Cornelius D. Kenny, alleging that certain tea prepared by Mr. Kenny is put up in imitation of tea by Martin Gillet & Co., and praying an injunction and account. Judge Fisher granted a preliminary injunction on the filing of a bond of $20,000 by Martin Gillet & Co.

City Council.—The city council of Baltimore will meet this afternoon. The one million dollars permanent improvement ordinance will be the special order in the first branch. Messrs. Doyle, of the first branch, and Jenkins, of the second branch, who are members of the combination of 16, had an interview with the mayor on Saturday, and it is stated that arrangements were made which will lead to the combination agreeing to a summer adjournment.

Suit for Damages.—Theresa Sachs entered suit in the Court of Common Pleas on Saturday against Ernest Blomier, No. 30 President street, "to recover $5,000 damages for the loss of her husband, Emanuel Sachs, by the negligent conduct of the defendant and his servant in driving a vicious, dangerous and unmanageable horse through the streets of the city, whereby her husband was killed May 25, 1886, at the corner of President and Pratt streets."

Divorce.—Suits for divorce were filed in the Circuit Court on Saturday by Emma E. Clark against George W. Clark; Nannie Cooke Sigourney against Thomas F. Sigourney; Laura Hitchens against John W. Hitchens; Ella F. Albaugh against Henry C. Albaugh; Louise Fiske Bryson against Gilbert Eccles Bryson; Annie Webb against John S. Webb; Andrew Carll against Rose Carll. The ground upon which divorce is asked in each case is abandonment.

Quick Time.—The British steamship Stroma, Captain Me[illegible], of Henry's fruit fleet, arrived yesterday from Governor's [illegible] harbor in [illegible] days and a[illegible] bunches of three apples, 7,000 bunches bananas and [illegible]00 pineapples and limes. On last Friday, in latitude [illegible] oranges longitude 75.35, two waterspouts were [illegible]e 32.38, to the westward, one of which r[illegible] passed close proximity to the Stroma.

by the Legislature of 1886. Mr. Robson was elected by the same Legislature to fill out the term of the late Gen. Jas. R. Herbert, which expires in March, 1889. Mr. Colton is the only one of the police board who is remaining to fill out the full term to which he was elected. The vacancy occasioned by the death of Gen. Herbert has been successively filled by Messrs. John W. Davis, James D. Ferguson and John Q. A. Robson.

Confederate Memorial.—The Confederate graves in Loudon Park will be decked with flowers this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Murkland will make the opening prayer and Miss Hunt will give a recitation. Besides the individuals in attendance the following societies will be present: Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States in Maryland, commanded by Gen. Geo. H. Steuart; Maryland Line, commanded by Gen. Bradley T. Johnson; The Murray Association; The Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association. There will be two bands of music. Committees will be at all the depots and at all the steamboat wharves in the morning to receive contributions of flowers. Flowers are expected as heretofore from all parts of the State, as well as from Baltimore city. The procession will form at the main gate of the cemetery. In the evening Major H. Kyd Douglas, of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's staff, will deliver at Ford's Grand Opera House the oration. His subject will be "The Southern Volunteer," which was so highly commended when he delivered it in Boston. Senators Hampton, Vance and Daniel are expected to be present in the evening.

The Friendly Inn.—The report of the Friendly Inn, on South Sharp street, for the west eighteen months shows the following work done: Number of meals served, 47,311, an average of nearly 90 meals per day, of which 11,000 were given away; single lodgings [illegible], 21,802, an average of 40 per night; of this number 4,000 were given away without charge. The men paid $2,246 64 for meals and lodgings; $229 95 of this amount were credited to them, having been earned by working out 1,831 lunches and 922 lodgings in the wood yard. The Inn was first opened December 4, 1884. Since that time the Inn has received donations in money amounting to $[illegible],455 45; $6,000 (in fee) was paid for the building, No. 95 Sharp street. On this amount $[illegible],000 has been paid; $2,060 21 were paid for alterations and furniture of the two buildings, Nos. 93 and 95. This shows a deficit of $604 81 on the building fund. The total expenses outside of the buildings were $6,694 08. The total receipts were $6,394 21, leaving a deficit of $299 87. The entire floating debt at present is $904 68.

Health of the City.—Secretary Carter, of the health department, reports 147 deaths in Baltimore last week. The births reported were 154. Of those who died 57 were under 5 years of age, and 5 lived to be between 80 and 90. Consumption caused the death of 21, [illegible] old age 8, pneumonia 6, apoplexy 4, Bright's disease 5, cancer [illegible], infantum 4, congestion of the brain 3, convulsions 5, disease of the heart 5, intemperance 1, marasmus 5, meningitis 4, paralysis 3, inflammatory rheumatism 3, wounds 2. Among the oldest persons who died were Mrs. Urath C. Carlisle, 90; Miss Adeline Milliner, 88; Mrs. Barbara A. Wieshample, 85; Miss Ann D. Williams, 83; Joseph Roberts, 82; Mrs. Julia Emich, 79.

School Examinations.—Prof. Henry A. Wise, superintendent of public instruction, has issued a circular to the principals of the various public schools designating the days on which examinations will be held for the advancement of pupils to the several grades, as follows: English grades—seventh grade, June 17 and 18; sixth, June 21 and 22; fifth, June 29 and 30; fourth, June 25 and 28; third, June 23 and 24; second, June 29 and 30; first, June 25 and 28. German grades—seventh grade, June 21; sixth, June 23; fifth, June 28; fourth, June 24; third, June 22; second, June 25; first, June 29.

Galilean Fishermen.—Mt. Lebanon Division, No. 1, under command of Martha Myers, and Knox Tabernacle, No. 2, commanded by Mrs. Knox, all of them members of the Juvenile Order of Galilean Fishermen, formed a procession at Gallilean Hall, on Liberty street, near Lombard, yesterday afternoon. The parade was in charge of Rev. L. R. Beckitt, and moved along Liberty to Howard, to Hill, to Sharp street, to John Wesley M. E. Church, corner of Sharp and Hughes streets, where the pastor of the church, Rev. B. Brown, preached a sermon. The procession was composed of both males and females.

A Broomstick Op[illegible]—On last Thursday a piece of broo[illegible] 4 inches long slipped into the ma[illegible] while a stable-man was trying to [illegible] cabbage-stalk from her throat. Dr. William Voltz made an incision between the [illegible] bone and the last rib, inserted his hand and pulled out the maw, where the stick was wedged. A two-inch cut was made in the maw, the stick was withdrawn, and both the maw and the animal's side sewed up, the stitches from the former hanging outside the other wound so as to be withdrawn after being healed. The cow is doing well.

Attempted Suicide.—Policeman Miskelly, of the central district, reported early this morning that Henry Procter, a patient at one of the city hospitals, who was taking a walk last night, accompanied by the janitor of the institution, attempted suicide by jumping overboard at the foot of Calvert street. The janitor stopped to talk to a friend, when his companion leaped into the water. A captain of a pungy lying near rescued Procter with the aid of a pole.

Ex-German Soldiers.—A meeting of ex-German soldiers to organize a society for social and beneficial purposes was held at Stienbach's Hall, Gough and Bank streets, Highlandtown, yesterday afternoon. Christian Mudchler, of the Bavarian dragoons, was chosen president, Paul Stienbach, first regiment lancers, secretary, and Casper Heinzerling, first regiment infantry, treasurer.

Police Cases.—Julius Koch was yesterday committed for court by Justice Hobbs on the charge of stealing $234 from Richard Sauer, showcase manufacturer, No. 2 South Eutaw [illegible] where he was bookkeeper.

or boys for admission to the Methodist Institute took place Saturday. About 20 boys will be admitted and 100 stood examination, conducted by Superintendent Wise and Prof. Wardenburg. The result will be reported hereafter.

Sale Ratified.—Judge Fowler, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, has sustained the sale of the real estate made by George Whitelock, trustee, in the case of Barnes vs. Phillips, and overruled the exceptions of the purchaser, Rossiter L. Scott, against the sale.

Fifth Regiment Promotions.—The following promotions have been made in the Fifth Regiment, M. N. G.: Sergeant H. D. Bell to be ordinance sergeant, Private G. Courlander to be commissary sergeant, and Private R. Francis Collins to be hospital stewart.

Coroner's Verdict.—The jury of inquest summoned by Coroner Flannery to investigate the death of Oscar Hofmann decided that he had come to his death by taking prussic acid.

Big Strawberries.—Mr. Wm. J. Bland, of Arlington, Baltimore county, sends to THE SUN office 16 strawberries which filled a quart box. Mr. Bland claims that Anne Arundel cannot beat the Arlington berries.

Normal School Repairs.—The Legislature at its last session appropriated $4,000 for repairs to the State Normal School in Baltimore, giving the supervision of the work to the board of public works, who have authorized the repairs to begin at once.

Property Sale.—Taylor & Creamer, auctioneers, sold for Benjamin Kurtz, attorney, a parcel of 22 acres of land in Middle River Neck, 8 miles from the city, for $750 to Jas. Taylor.

Personal.—Baltimoreans at Old Point, Va.: J. Berker, Hamilton Easter and wife, James B. MacNeal and wife, H. Willett, Mrs. C. S. Willett, Benj. Cohen and wife, B. W. Cookman, Jr., and wife.

Brief Locals.

In the seacoast battery drill at the West Point Military Academy, Saturday, Cadet Evans, of Baltimore, was the gunner of the detachment which manned the 10-inch smooth bore cannon.

The Young Men's Christian Association have arranged to hold open-air meetings during the summer on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, in South and East Baltimore.

Samuel D. Jenkins, of East Baltimore, clerk in the cashier's department of the Baltimore custom-house, has been notified that he will be retired on June 15.

Wm. L. Simpson, charged with desertion from Battery G, United States Artillery, was delivered at Fort McHenry by Capt. Ba[illegible] of the western police district.

Walter Brooks, colored, who was struck on the head by a falling bale of hay at No. 5[illegible] Buchanan's wharf, on Friday last, died on Saturday at the City Hospital.

The Rev. Sam Jones is conducting revival services in Rome, Ga. In one of his sermons he gave 2,000 as the number of converts [illegible] his revival in Baltimore.

Members of Denison Post, G. A. R., of Baltimore city, on Saturday decorated the graves of comrades buried in the different cemeteries in Baltimore county.

Chas. S. Matthews, No. 185 German street, was thrown out of a wagon yesterday morning, and had his left leg broken in two places below the knee.

Bailey Bros. have obtained a permit to build a three-story brick warehouse on the north side of Pratt street, west of Fremont.

The mayor has signed the ordinance increasing the salary of the health commissioner from $2,500 to $3,000 per annum.

George Siegel and Morris Myers were fined $5 each by Justice Hobbs yesterday for riding on the grass in Druid Hill Park.

Archbishop Gibbons has made a liberal donation to the parliamentary fund through Mr. Patrick Martin.

Members of the Towson Guards on Saturday decorated the graves of comrades buried at Govanstown.

The Failure of Success.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 6.—The farewell sermon to the graduating class at the Military Academy was preached by Chaplain Postlethwaite this morning to a large congregation. The text was First Samuel, ninth chapter, second verse. The speaker said that Paul's life was an instance of the failure of success. In Paul's case, as in many men's cases, advancements to high places begot arrogance instead of modesty, and destruction instead of success. It is a misfortune, he continued, to obtain a higher position than you are entitled to. Be careful how you strive to get into high places. The man of ability, industry and character can always afford to wait. He is sure to be sought for. With these as leading thoughts, the preacher advised the graduates to be contented and faithful in whatever place they may occupy, however humble.

Telegraphic Notes.

An abandoned and water-logged yacht, with the name "Tilden" marked upon her, was picked up adrift 300 miles from the Delaware Capes by the steamship Lampart, which arrived at Philadelphia yesterday.

Burglars effected an entrance to the Frankfort Lottery Company's office in Louisville, Ky., yesterday morning, and secured $1,5[illegible] in cash, and took jewelry, diamonds and watches to the same value.

Sunday morning Detective Larry Haze and twenty men, armed with Winchesters, left Cincinnati for Raymond City, W. Va., to protect men at work in Marmet & Co.'s coal mines.

The Louisville Southern Exposition opens festival begins June 9 and continues throughout the week. The American Opera Company will form the attraction.

The ship Chiova, lying at the foot of Kerr street, New York, loaded with 50,000 cases of kerosene, took fire Saturday night and was burned.

Archbishop Feehan, of Chicago, yesterday confirmed 117 convicts at the Joliet (Ill.) penitentiary.